Programming Policy

Mission
The Calcasieu Parish Public Library welcomes all with convenient access to high-quality and innovative collections, resources, and services that enrich lives and create connections in our community.

Scope of Programs Offered
The Calcasieu Parish Public Library offers programs that align with our mission and strategic plan. Programs are planned in advance, to meet staffing requirements and publicity needs. Programming can be for the general audience or specific to an audience such as early literacy, children, tweens, young adults, or adults.

Some programs may limit attendance and/or require registration, due to planning purposes, space limitations, or the nature of the program. When limits must be established, attendance will be determined with either advanced registration or on a first-come, first-served basis.
Programs may be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. Cancelled programs are not necessarily rescheduled.

The library does not allow programming that is solely for commercial purposes, politically partisan, primarily religious in nature, or designed to recruit members. Library sponsorship of a program does not constitute an endorsement of the content of the program or views expressed at the program.

Programs are offered free of charge to all patrons regardless of age, race, religion, familial beliefs, sexual orientation, gender identity, or political affiliation. CPPL's philosophy of open access to information and ideas extends to library programming, and CPPL does not discriminate through its programming, as stated in the Library Bill of Rights and the Freedom to View policies of the American Library Association.

How Programs and Presenters are Chosen
CPPL uses the following criteria in making decisions about program topics, presenters, and accompanying resources:

- Aligns with and works toward meeting the library's mission, vision, strategic plan, and organizational goals
- Developed based on the interests and needs of the community
- Complies with library policies
- Serves a diverse community while promoting a culture of inclusion
- Accuracy and timeliness of program content
- Availability of programs elsewhere
- Availability of program space
- Budget and staff resources
- Diversity of current offerings
- Historical, educational, lifelong learning, or entertainment purposes
- Expands the library's role as cultural and community center
- Presenter qualifications in context area and references as a presenter

Program Advertisement
CPPL programs will be advertised by the CPPL Public Information Officer, Online Engagement Coordinator, and Webmaster. Programs may be advertised on news media outlets, newspapers, magazines, social media, the CPPL website, and flyers.

Photo Disclaimer
Photos taken at programs may be posted on social media, our website, or on printed material. Step to the side if you do not wish to be in them.

Code of Conduct
The CPPL Code of Conduct applies to all programs held on library property.

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The American Library Association's Freedom to View Statement
The American Library Association's Interpretations of the Library Bill of Rights
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